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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

For a Publick Thankſgiving.

GEORGE *R.*

WE do moſt devoutly and thankfully acknowledge the great Goodneſs and Mercy of Almighty God, who hath afforded Us His Protection and Aſſiſtance in the juſt War, in which, for the common Safety of Our Realms, and for diſappointing the boundleſs Ambition of France, We are now engaged; and hath given ſuch ſignal Succeſſes to Our Arms both by Sea and Land; particularly by the Defeat of the French Army in Canada, and the taking of QUEBEC; and who hath moſt ſeaſonably granted us at this Time an uncommonly plentiful Harveſt: And therefore duly conſidering that ſuch great and publick Bleſſings do call for publick and ſolemn Acknowledgements, We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to iſſue this Our Royal Proclamation, hereby appointing and commanding, that a General Thankſgiving to Almighty God, for theſe His Mercies, be obſerved throughout Our Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, upon Thurſday the Twenty-Ninth Day of November next. And for the better and more Religious and orderly Solemnizing the ſame, We have given Directions to the moſt Reverend the Arch Biſhops, and the Right Reverend the Biſhops of England, to compoſe a Form of Prayer ſuitable to this Occaſion, to be uſed in all Churches and Chapels, and other Places of Publick Worſhip, and to take Care for the Timely diſperſing thereof throughout their reſpective Dioceſes. And we do ſtrictly Charge and Command, that the ſaid Publick Day of Thankſgiving be religiouſly obſerved by all Our loving Subjects, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and upon Pain of ſuffering ſuch Puniſhment as We may juſtly inflict upon all ſuch as ſhall contemn or neglect the Performance of ſo religious and neceſſary a Duty. Given at Our Court at *Kenſington*, the Twenty-Third Day of *October*, 1759, in the Thirty-Third Year of our Reign.

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GOD ſave the KING.

AT the Court at *Kenſington*, the 23d Day of *October*, 1759,

PRESENT,

The KING's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

WHEREAS the Time limited by His Majeſty's Order in Council of the 14th of April laſt, for prohibiting the Exporting out of this Kingdom, or carrying Coaſtwiſe, Gunpowder, Salt Petre, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, will expire upon the 29th Day of this Inſtant October.—And whereas it is judged expedient for His Majeſty's Service, and the Safety of this Kingdom, that the ſaid Prohibition ſhould be continued for ſome longer Time.—His Majeſty doth therefore, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, hereby Order, Require, Prohibit and Command, that no Perſon or Perſons whatſoever (except the Maſter General, Lieutenant General, or Principal Officers of the Ordnance for His Majeſty's Service) do, at any Time during the Space of Six Months, to commence from the ſaid 29th Day of this Inſtant October, preſume to tranſport into any Parts out of this Kingdom, or carry Coaſtwiſe, any Gunpowder, Salt Petre, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, or Ship or Lade any Gunpowder, Salt Petre, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, on board any Ship or Veſſel, in order to tranſporting the ſame into any Parts beyond the Seas, or carrying the ſame Coaſtwiſe, without Leave or Permiſſion in that Behalf firſt obtained from His Majeſty or His Privy Council, upon Pain of incurring and ſuffering the reſpective Forfeitures and Penalties inflicted by an Act paſſed in the Twenty-Ninth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, entituled, "An Act to impower His Majeſty "to prohibit the Exportation of Salt Petre, and to "enforce the Law for impowering His Majeſty to "prohibit the Exportation of Gunpowder, or any "Sort of Arms or Ammunition, and alſo to empower "His Majeſty to reſtrain the carrying Coaſtwiſe of "Salt Petre, Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms or "Ammunition." And the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, the Commiſſioners for executing

ting the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great-Britain, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, the Maſter General of the Ordnance, and His Majeſty's Secretary at War, are to give the neceſſary Directions herein, as to them may reſpectively appertain.

W. Blair.

Dublin, October 16.

His Grace John Duke of Bedford, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland, his Speech to both Houſes of Parliament.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT is with great Satisfaction, that I obey His Majeſty's Commands to meet you again in Parliament, as I have no Doubt that your Conduct will be ſuch as to juſtify the Repreſentations I had the Honor to lay before Him, upon my laſt Return from this Kingdom, of the Zeal and Loyalty of His Houſes of Parliament to His Royal Perſon and Government.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

I have ordered the proper Officers to lay before you the ſeveral Accounts and Eſtimates for the Publick Service; and though the Expences naturally incident to a War carried on with ſo much Acrimony by an incenſed and powerful Enemy, have exceeded the uſual Charge, yet I flatter myſelf that the putting this Kingdom in a proper State of Defence, and the enuring the Troops to an Aptneſs for taking the Field on any ſudden Emergency, will fully compenſate for the Expences which ſhall have been incurred by it, eſpecially as I can aſſure you, that I have nothing in Command from His Majeſty to aſk, but the uſual Supplies, which I make no Doubt you will grant with the utmoſt Chearfulneſs.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The great Succeſs, which, (through the Bleſſing of God) has attended His Majeſty's Arms by Sea and Land in various Parts of the World, muſt, I am convinced, afford the greateſt Satisfaction to His faithful Subjects of Ireland, who jointly with thoſe of Great Britain enjoy the Bleſſings of internal Peace, whilſt they behold a great Part of Europe involved in the Calamities of War.

The pleaſing Proſpect I have now before me, of the Union and Harmony which ſo happily ſubſiſt amongſt you, of the proſperous State of this Country, improving daily in its Manufactures and Commerce, affords me the moſt reaſonable Expectation of effecting the Welfare and Happineſs of this Kingdom, which I know will be moſt acceptable to His Majeſty, and conſequently in Duty to him, and to the Station in which He has been graciouſly pleaſed to place me, moſt agreeable to myſelf.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament aſſembled.

Moſt gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament aſſembled, beg Leave to renew thoſe Profeſſions of Affection and Attachment to Your Majeſty's Royal Perſon and Government, which we have had the Happineſs ſo often to make, from which we have never departed, and which we ſhall in all Events maintain with unabated Zeal, and with unſhaken Fidelity.

Permit us to take this Occaſion of offering our Congratulations, with Hearts animated by the warmeſt and moſt ſincere Joy, upon the great Succeſs which, through the Bleſſing of God, has attended Your Majeſty's Arms in the various Parts of the World.

To ſuccour the Diſtreſſed, to relieve the weaker States from Oppreſſion, and to preſerve the Liberties of Europe, has been the conſtant and generous Care of Your Majeſty and of Your Illuſtrious Predeceſſors: But to withſtand ſo powerful and once ſo formidable a Combination, is a Tryal that ſeems to have been reſerved to compleat the Glory of Your Majeſty's Reign; and to diſtinguiſh it to ſucceeding Ages, by ſhewing how great Efforts can be made by a wiſe and magnanimous Prince, ſupported by the Confidence of a brave and united People.

We muſt be inſenſible, and unworthy of the Bleſſings beſtowed upon us, not to reflect with the utmoſt Gratitude on the internal Peace which we and our Fellow-Subjects of Great Britain have enjoyed, and compare our own Condition with that of other Countries which have felt, and do ſtill feel, the ſevereſt Calamities of War.

This we owe alſo, next to the Protection of Providence, to the Wiſdom of Your Majeſty's Councils, and to Your watchful Care for the Safety of Your People: But we now, in an extraordinary Manner, perceive the happy Effects of Your Majeſty's mild, equal, prudent, and long Government, by which the Hearts of all your People are become ſo entirely devoted to You, that even Your Enemies ſeem to be convinced, that there are no Means left to diſturb Your Kingdoms, but thoſe of open Violence; and that all Attempts would be vain to alienate the Affections of Your Majeſty's Subjects by drawing them to any other Object, or to ſtir up within Your own Dominions a Spirit of Diſcontent or Rebellion.

Duty, Gratitude, and Intereſt, call upon us to return Your Majeſty our ſincereſt Thanks for continuing his Grace the Duke of Bedford in the Government of this Kingdom, of whoſe eminent Abilities we have had the fulleſt Experience; and whoſe unvaried Zeal for His Majeſty's Service, has been ſo happily tempered, as to produce that Harmony and Union amongſt ourſelves, which will incline and enable us to promote with one Mind every Meaſure neceſſary for the Support of Your Majeſty's Government: It is therefore with the moſt entire Satisfaction that we receive him as our Chief Governor, as we have the ſtrongeſt Confidence that every Thing which can be expedient for the Security, the Tranquility, and the Improvement of this Your Majeſty's Kingdom, will be deſigned by him, and be executed with Chearfulneſs, and with Efficacy.

Hen. Baker Sterne, Cler' Parliamentor.

His Grace the Lord Lieutenant's Anſwer.

I Will forthwith tranſmit this dutiful and affectionate Addreſs to be laid before His Majeſty.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Knights, Citizens and Burgeſſes, in Parliament aſſembled.

Moſt gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Ireland, in Parliament aſſembled, beg Leave to approach Your Sacred Perſon with Hearts overflowing with Gratitude, Duty and Affection, and to congratulate Your Majeſty upon the great and glorious Succeſs of Your Majeſty's Arms by Sea and Land, in various Parts of the World.

We have the deepeſt and moſt grateful Senſe of the Bleſſings which, by the Wiſdom of Your Majeſty's Councils, we enjoy in common with Your Majeſty's Subjects of Great Britain, to whoſe Intereſt we are inſeparably connected, whilſt we behold a great Part of Europe involved in the Calamities of War.

We ſhall with Chearfulneſs and Unanimity grant the uſual and neceſſary Supplies for the Support of the Eſtabliſhment, moſt gratefully acknowledging Your Majeſty's Tenderneſs and Care of your Subjects of this Kingdom, by which we enjoy the Bleſſings of Peace, without feeling the Burthens of War.

We are fully ſatisfied, that though the Expences naturally incident to a War, carried on with ſomuch Acrimony by an incenſed and powerful Enemy, have exceeded the uſual Charge; yet the putting this Kingdom into a proper State of Defence, and the enuring the Troops to an Aptneſs for taking the Field, on any ſudden Emergency, will fully compenſate for the Expences which have been incurred.

Your Majeſty's continuing his Grace the Duke of Bedford, in the Government of this Kingdom, in a Time of ſo much Danger, is a ſtrong Inſtance of Your Majeſty's paternal Care of, and Concern for, the Safety and Welfare of it. His Grace's wiſe and impartial Conduct has united us in Harmony and Affection, and affords us the moſt pleaſing Proſpect of Safety and Proſperity.

Accept,

Accept, moſt gracious Sovereign, the warmeſt Acknowledgments which Gratitude can inſpire, or Loyalty dictate, of Your Majeſty's uninterrupted Goodneſs to us; and permit us to aſſure Your Majeſty, that we ſhall, in all our Proceedings, endeavour to approve ourſelves Your Majeſty's moſt loyal, moſt dutiful, and moſt affectionate Subjects.

E. Sterling,
H. Alcock, } Cler' Dom. Com.

His Grace the Lord Lieutenant's Anſwer.

I Will immediately tranſmit this dutiful and loyal Addreſs to be laid before His Majeſty.

To his Grace John Duke of Bedford, Lord Lieutenant General, and General Governor of Ireland,

The humble Addreſs of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament aſſembled.

May it pleaſe your Grace,

WE His Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament aſſembled, do beg Leave to return your Grace our unfeigned Thanks for your Speech delivered from the Throne to both Houſes of Parliament; and at the ſame Time heartily to congratulate your Grace on your happy Return to this Kingdom.

We are under the ſtrongeſt Tyes of Gratitude to your Grace, as well as of Duty and Affection to the beſt of Kings, to ſupport and juſtify the favourable Repreſentation which your Grace has been pleaſed to make to His Majeſty of our Zeal for His Service, and of our inviolable Attachment to His Royal Perſon and Family; by ſteadily adhering to thoſe Principles; by uſing our utmoſt Endeavours to ſupport the Honour and Dignity of His Majeſty's Government; and by the moſt perfect Unanimity in the Diſpatch of the publick Buſineſs.

The great and glorious Succeſs which has attended His Majeſty's Arms, muſt have given the higheſt Satisfaction and Comfort to the Minds of all His good Subjects, particularly thoſe of this Country, who have been, by the Bleſſing of God upon His Majeſty's Councils, preſerved in the Enjoyment of the moſt profound Peace and Tranquillity at Home, while the Inhabitants of a great Part of Europe have undergone the ſad Calamities of War.

We cannot but conſider His Majeſty's continuing your Grace in the Government of this Kingdom, as a ſignal Inſtance of His paternal Care for Us, and of His conſtant Attention to our Safety and Proſperity; your Grace's known Ablities ſo often exerted and proved in the moſt exalted Stations, and at the moſt critical Conjunctures, having naturally diſtinguiſhed your Grace in the Eye of our Wiſe and Gracious Sovereign, as the propereſt Perſon to protect and defend His People.

We acknowledge, with the utmoſt Thankfulneſs, your Grace's Activity in putting the Kingdom into a proper State of Defence, in this Time of Danger, and are not leſs ſenſible of your prudent Management in the Performance of that expenſive Service, ſo as not to be under a Neceſſity of demanding more than the uſual Supplies from Parliament.

The Improvement of our Manufactures and Commerce under the Difficulties of War, and the perfect Union and Harmony, ſo happily ſubſiſting amongſt us, are certain Proofs of the Wiſdom, Mildneſs and Impartiality of your Grace's Adminiſtration: And muſt ſtrongly engage us to contribute every Thing in our Power to make your Government as eaſy and honourable to your Grace, as it has been advantageous and agreeable to us.

Hen. Baker Sterne, Cler' Parliamentor.

His Grace the Lord Lieutenant's Anſwer.

I Return your Lordſhips my ſincereſt Thanks for this very obliging Addreſs: It gives me the greateſt Pleaſure to find that my Endeavours for promoting the Intereſt of this Kingdom, have met with your Approbation, and you may depend upon my continuing them as the ſureſt Means to preſerve your Eſteem.

To His Grace John Duke of Bedford, Lord Lieutenant General, and General Governor of Ireland.

The humble Addreſs of the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes in Parliament aſſembled.

May it pleaſe your Grace,

WE His Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Commons of Ireland, in Parliament aſſembled, return your Grace our moſt humble Thanks for your Excellent Speech from the Throne, and beg Leave at the ſame Time to expreſs our ſincere and hearty Congratulations on your Grace's happy Return to this Kingdom.

We have already ſo fully experienced your Grace's great Abilities, and received ſuch convincing Proofs of your true Regard to the Happineſs of this Kingdom, that we conſider it as a particular Mark of His Majeſty's Goodneſs, that he has been pleaſed to commit us again to your Grace's Care and Protection.

We beg Leave to aſſure your Grace, that we will moſt chearfully grant ſuch Supplies as ſhall be neceſſary for the Support of His Majeſty's Government, and endeavour, by our Zeal and Unanimity, to convince your Grace, that we have entirely at Heart the Eaſe and Honour of your Adminiſtration.

We reflect with Joy on the great and unparalleled Succeſs of His Majeſty's Arms, over his inveterate and implacable Enemies, and know not which to admire moſt, the conſummate Wiſdom of His Councils, or the glorious Execution of them.

We cannot conclude without again expreſſing our intire Satisfaction, in being under your Grace's Protection and Government, who cannot fail to make us happy, by purſuing the Dictates of your own Heart, and the Principles you derive from your illuſtrious Anceſtors.

E. Sterling,
H. Alcock, } Cler' Dom. Com.

His Grace the Lord Lieutenant's Anſwer.

I AM extremely obliged to the Houſe of Commons for this very kind Addreſs, and ſhall hope to preſerve your good Opinion, by continuing my utmoſt Endeavours for the Welfare of this Kingdom, and by faithfully repreſenting your Loyalty and Affection to His Majeſty.

Admiralty-Office, Sept. 8, 1759.

NOtice is hereby given, That in Purſuance of the Directions of a certain Act paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, entituled, An Act to explain and amend an Act made in the Twenty-ninth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the Encouragement of Seamen, and the more ſpeedy and effectual Manning His Majeſty's Navy; and for the better Prevention of Piracies and Robberies by Crews of private Ships of War, a Seſſion of Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery for the Tryal of Offences committed on the High Seas within the Juriſdiction of the Admiralty of England, will be held on Monday the 29th Day of October next, at Juſtice Hall in the Old Bailey, London, at Eight of the Clock in the Morning.

Notice is alſo hereby given, That for the future an Admiralty Seſſion will be held in the ſeveral Months of March and October in every Year, purſuant to the Directions of the ſaid Act of Parliament.

J. Clevland

Admiralty-Office, Sept. 7, 1759.

WHereas divers Foreign Neutral Ships or Veſſels have, during the preſent War with France, been at different Times, in the Courſe of their reſpective Voyages, Piratically Robbed on the Britiſh Seas, by the Crews, or Parts of the Crews of ſeveral Engliſh Ships or Veſſels, who were, or pretended to be Privateers; And whereas in order effectually to proſecute the Perſons who have committed any ſuch Robberies, it is neceſſary to prove the Name of each reſpective Ship or Veſſel ſo robbed, and the Name of the Maſter or Commander thereof, and the Time when, and the Species and Quantities of Goods Piratically taken, and their Values, with as much Exactneſs, as the Nature and Circumſtances of the Caſe will admit of; And as it is hardly poſſible to make ſuch Proofs without the Evidence of proper Perſons, who belonged to, and were on Board each parti-